

D. C. APPROVES PLAN FOR PARK

Commissioner Kutz Assures
House Maryland Ave. Scheme
Will Not Destroy Garden.

Rather than interfere with plans for the establishment of the Botanical Gardens along the Anacostia river, the Commissioners are in favor of extending Maryland avenue only as far as the boundary lines of the proposed park, Col. Charles W. Kutz, Engineer Commissioner, assured the House District Committee today.

Strong opposition to the extension of Maryland avenue from Fifteenth and H streets northeast to the Anacostia river was voiced today by citizens of that locality at a hearing before the District Committee because of the plans of the Fine Arts Commission to beautify the section along the Anacostia river by park improvements.

W. A. Ryan, representing the Trinidad Citizens' Association, protested that the citizens in that locality did not want to see Maryland avenue extended if it was to cut through the tract of land planned for the Botanical Gardens.

He declared that the 2,000-acre tract involved would make these government gardens the largest in the world. Extension of the avenue through this tract of land, he claimed, would do much to spoil the plans of the Fine Arts Commission. Furthermore, he declared, no one wished to build homes in that section, unless it was the scheme of real estate agents to open up a new suburb.

Instead of spending \$50,000 in extending Maryland avenue, Ryan said, "it would be better to take the money and spend it on repairing the streets in the city, where conditions are unsatisfactory. He claimed the money could be well spent improving the northern approaches which give people an unfavorable opinion of the city as they leave the Union Station.

Colonel Kutz, the committee chairman, said that the bill introduced by Congressman Zihlman of Maryland the original plans of the Highway Commission had been changed.

The District Commissioners "do not wish to stand in the way of any park improvements in Washington," he explained, and if the Botanical Gardens project is to be carried out they did not wish to interfere with the plan in any way.

By extending Maryland avenue to Twenty-fourth street, Colonel Kutz said, that an outlet would be provided for the park which would be a necessary step.

He strongly urged that it was necessary at this time to extend the necessary part of Maryland avenue to Twenty-fourth street in order to settle the question of all the property rights in dispute over the Graceland Cemetery plot owned by the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

Unless Congress acted now, he claimed there was nothing to prevent the construction of a car barn and other buildings in the Maryland avenue roadbed. He believed \$35,000 would be sufficient to extend Maryland avenue from Fifteenth and H streets northeast to Twenty-fourth street.

The Library committee intend to meet next Friday to consider the proposal with regard to the establishment of the Botanical Gardens on the Anacostia tract and action on Congressman Zihlman's bill probably will be deferred until prospective legislation is determined.

ARMY SAUSAGE BALLOON LEAVES FOR ABERDEEN

Fliers and Machines at Successful
Aviation Meet Departing For
Other Stations.

The big sausage balloon flown at Bolling Field during the air tournament last week left for Aberdeen Proving Ground this morning. Conditions at the field have returned to normal and the usual work will be resumed this week.

The balloon is manned by a company of twenty-five men, commanded by Lieut. H. B. Meyer, who made parachute jumps during the tournament. The balloon and its equipment are moved on a motor truck and trailer.

Maj. Rudolph W. Schroeder, who has been farther away from the earth than any other aviator, is to leave for Dayton, Ohio, where he is stationed, some time this week. He flew to this city to attend the tournament. His plane, an ordnance scout machine, was damaged on the flight here, the gears burning out. It is now undergoing repairs and will be ready for the flight Friday or Saturday.

Major Reed Chambers, famous war ace, who came to this city to witness the tournament, has left for New York. He is on leave, but will soon return to the Mexican border, where he is in command of the First pursuit group.

FIST FIGHT THREATENED IN COMMUNITY ELECTION

Election of officers by colored members of the Phelps Community Center last night resulted in a controversy that lasted until midnight and once threatened a fist fight.

Members protested the use of ballots bearing the name of Dr. Anna Green, secretary, who had declined to run. Dr. Hagen Johnson, member of the board of education, and colored public school teachers, insisted that the name remain on the ballots.

Afterward, it is said, the ballots were taken behind locked doors to be counted. Thomas L. Jones, a lawyer, demanded that the public see the ballots counted. This brought him into conflict with Attorney John H. Clinton and they nearly came to blows.

A committee consisting of Attorney L. C. Williamson, Attorney Thomas L. Jones and Charles A. Marshall was appointed to file a formal brief of protest against the manner of conducting the election.

Daniel Freeman was elected president and Mrs. Julia Layton secretary.

D. C. MEN MAY SOON BUY SUITS IN SECTIONS

"Suits in sections" may soon be sold by merchants in Washington and in other cities in order to stop the complaints of purchasers of high-price suits upon paying the war or luxury tax.

It is understood that the payment of the tax can be evaded by breaking up the suits and selling the garments separately, such as the coat in one department, the vest in another and the trousers in still another. Thus, if you chance to see a man walking through one of the department stores with just a coat and vest on, the chances are that he is waiting on his way to another part of the store for his trousers.

According to the clothing men the tax does not apply to separate garments, but only where the whole suit is sold at one hand.

GARDENS RUINED BY BAD WEATHER

Damp, Cold Spell Causes Hopes
of Amateurs to Spoil Along
With Seeds.

Chilly, wet weather that has featured this spring has played havoc with the gardens of many of the more zealous of Washington's amateur agriculturists who emulated the early bird and planted during the first part of last month. They now are bewailing wasted labor and the loss of seed they entrusted to Mother Earth with naive faith in her generosity.

The unusually heavy rainfall, combined with the fact that the chill had not left the soil when the planting was done, and there has been little sunshine since to remove it, caused the seed to decay. Where the hopeful gardener had visioned smart beds of radishes, lettuce and spring onions, or patches of potatoes, beets and other green truck, now is barren save for such weeds as escaped his zeal.

No Cause for Despair.
But there is no cause for despair. Take the word of W. C. Hill, the garden expert of the Department of Agriculture, who is consulting supervisor and the last authority for the Capital's amateur planters.

Just rake over that ground you so carefully spaded, and plant again, he says. Literally, there is no time like the present. Hearken to the words of Mr. Hill:

"This week is absolutely the best of the season for truck gardens. Potatoes planted now in well-prepared ground—that is, with the clods thoroughly broken up by raking—will result in fine crops. Peas, pansies and beets also are good crops to plant from now up to May 25. Radishes can be put in every ten days, or so, while spring onions can be planted almost any time during the growing season."

While some of the overzealous gardeners have had bad luck because of the unusually heavy rainfall and chilly weather this spring, large numbers have fine crops maturing now. I saw some excellent gardens in Potomac yesterday and in other sections of the District last week.

Conditions Are Good.
"Conditions are shaping nicely in the Potomac Park strip. I have assigned about 700 plots—virtually all we have available—and there is a veritable army of men, women and children busy putting in crops the latter part of each afternoon. I have high hopes of the results from these plots."

Those who have had luck through planting too early, should not despair or sulk. Just charge the labor and seed to experience, and plant again right away. If the soil was well padded it will not be necessary to turn it again. Just rake it thoroughly, to kill the weeds, and plant."

There is an art in planting, however, and proper distribution and depth of the essential requirements, which are almost if not as important as soil preparation. Guidance in all these matters can be obtained for the asking from Mr. Hill, at 220 Fourteenth street southwest.

A. M. LOOMIS SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DAIRY UNION

Alton M. Loomis, secretary to T. C. Atkeson, Washington representative of the National Grange, with offices at 203 Seventh street northwest, has been appointed secretary of the National Dairy Union, an organization of the allied dairy interests.

Mr. Loomis will not relinquish his present position, but will take over the secretaryship of the dairy men in addition.

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Realizing the difficulty of securing hotel accommodations in the great metropolis, The Washington Times has established a Hotel Bureau with a branch in New York.

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Saddle Class in Paddock of National Capital Horse Show



Roger Bayly, taking brush on Channing Strother's "Moonshine," sired by the great Ganador. "Moonshine" took fourth place in the Green hunters' class yesterday.

GAS RATE HEARING OPENS TOMORROW

Washington Gas Light Company
Will Fight for 35 Cent
Increase.

The open hearing by the Public Utilities Commission of the Washington Gas Light Company for higher gas rates will begin in the boardroom of the District building at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

William McK. Clayton, chairman of the public utilities committee of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, will be on hand to represent the public. Although he resigned some time ago from active work on this committee, Mr. Clayton has consented to be the public's counsel on this occasion, being opposed to the proposition of the gas company.

The gas company petitions the commission for a sliding scale of prices, to be changed each month. Advances in the cost of oil are so uncertain, the company contends, that contracts for oil can be secured for one month at a time only. As each penny increase in oil means the cost to make gas increases 3 or 4 cents, the company believes it is better to change the cost to the consumers from time to time as oil prices change.

There is much opposition to this proposal. If the proposal should be put into effect Washington would have to pay in June \$1.30 per thousand cubic feet instead of 95 cents as they are paying now.

SUES TRACTION CO. AND TRUCK MAN FOR \$15,000

Eva L. Dayton today filed suit against the Capital Traction Company and Samuel M. Frazier for \$15,000 damages for alleged personal injuries. She is represented by Attorneys Kenyon & Macfarland and Charles A. Kegwin.

She alleges that while a passenger on a street car of the defendant company, January 6, last, a truck belonging to Frazier collided with the car, throwing her violently to the floor and injuring her seriously and permanently.

POINDEXTER ANTI-STRIKE BILL HEARING TOMORROW

Hearings on the PoinDEXTER anti-strike bill will begin tomorrow before the Senate Interstate Commerce sub-committee. The bill prohibits strikes against common carriers.

R. S. Sexton, legislative representative of the American Federation of Labor, will be the first witness presenting the opinion of the bill held by organized labor.

Penwomen 'Shoo Out' Reporters; Then Have 'Dignified' Meeting

By MARTHA WRIGHT.

I had to pass up a circus party last night because the city editor wanted me to go to a meeting of the League of American Penwomen. As things developed, I wasn't a bit sorry. A circus, you know, has three rings. You can't possibly see everything that's going on.

The pen, they say, "is mightier than the sword." "There's a man in the room. No man has a right to be a member of this club."

When I walked into that meeting last night, I doubted the wisdom of such a rule. This morning, after being informed by Mrs. William Atherton DuPuy that Mrs. Nanette B. Paul was able to reduce that chaotic gathering into an orderly and dignified meeting, one rather grants that the pen must possess certain qualities of more or less weight.

The meeting—that part of it which I saw—was novel quite novel. It isn't every day that one sees a meeting being presided over by two "presidents," one at one end of the room, one at the other, each wielding the gavel at will.

It was a well attended meeting in which the meeting was held was crowded, and women overflowed into the hall and part way up the stairs. To put it mildly—the situation was strained. The tension in the atmosphere was relieved by frequent outbursts from all parts of the room. Occasionally some member would receive recognition from one or other of the "presidents" and would be permitted the floor—with, of course, a few interruptions.

Mrs. Keyes Gets Floor.
Presiding Mrs. Henry W. Keyes, who had been nominated for vice president on both of the tickets at the previous "election," got the attention of the crowd.

"I haven't attempted to speak before," she said. "I'd like to speak now. Has anyone any objection?" She waited a few seconds. There was no answer.

Has anyone any objection to my speaking?" she repeated. "If you have, say so."

"There's no objection. Go ahead," came from several parts of the room. And Mrs. Keyes went ahead. She declared the last meeting of the league, which had resulted in the strained conditions existing.

She reviewed her credentials as a "penwoman" and said if she had been asked to join the league merely because she was the wife of a Senator she would resign.

"It means nothing to be the wife of a Senator," she said. "There are kinds of Senators here from all parts of the country. Naturally some of them have wives."

Going into the last "election," Mrs. Keyes said:

"I felt at the time that the election was irregular. If it was a legal election, I am vice president. If it was not legal, I am a candidate."

The Democratic and Republican Conventions Will Be Covered for The Times

by
William Jennings Bryan Arthur Brisbane
Samuel G. Blythe Peter B. Kyne
Bugs Baer Fannie Hurst
Nellie Bly Damon Runyon
Senator Capper (Rep.) Senator Walsh (Dem.)
William Phillip Simms Tad
Charles Edward Russell Winifred Black
David M. Church Mildred Morris
A. C. Heyward J. Bart Campbell
George R. Holmes Frank Stetson
William G. Shepherd Senator France

The Times will receive the augmented reports of the International News Service, flashed over the wires as the news develops.

Bernstorff Would Gasp At Fleur-de-lis in Front Of Old German Embassy

Count von Bernstorff, erstwhile German ambassador to the United States, would throw a fit if he should return to Washington and wander past the old German embassy buildings at Fifteenth street and Massachusetts avenue.

As he gazed toward the red brick buildings which hold his activities as the guest of the American Government a band of rich blue would meet his eye. The blue would be produced by a long deep bed of fleur-de-lis which has been planted during his absence.

Fleur-de-lis is the national flower of France.

LADY NICOTINE NOT SLATED FOR GRAVE

Head of Tobacco Merchants
Association Says "Weed"
Won't Meet Rum's Fate.

"Liquor and tobacco cannot and will not be buried in the same grave any more than a square plug can be fitted into a round hole," declared Charles J. Eisenlohr, president of the Tobacco Merchants' Association, in his opening address today before 400 members of the tobacco industry in convention at the Willard Hotel.

Explaining the physiological effect of tobacco upon individuals and society, in contrast to the effects of liquor, Mr. Eisenlohr continued:

"Tobacco does not excite or intoxicate, but soothes and pacifies. It does not incite the commission of crime, but promotes sober deliberation and contentment. Tobacco does not lure men from the fireside, but cements family ties and adds immeasurably to the harmony of the home. Tobacco was not used to the soldiers in time of war, but it was approved by the War Department, and was eventually rationed to the men along with their coffee and food."

Eisenlohr expressed the belief that the common sense and moderation of the American people would be more than sufficient to hold any attempted anti-tobacco agitation in check.

"Unhappily the great majority of the people of this country are so opposed to any movement which will curtail their fundamental right to enjoy the gifts of nature to mankind, if it is possible to legally restrain the people from the unrestricted use of tobacco, it is possible to deprive them of tea and coffee, regulate the style of clothes they wear, prescribe rules of popular entertainment or recreation and abolish such vices and motions as are not approved by the Government."

Referring to the changes that have taken place in the past few years, Eisenlohr said that the revenue derived by the Government from tobacco had increased from \$70,000,000 to more than \$300,000,000. He urged that this enormous sum was all that the tobacco trade ought to be expected to pay, pointing out that the higher taxes already imposed upon the business had resulted in a considerable decrease in the quantity of cigars and tobacco consumed. Any additional tax, he declared, would be a virtual defense of the expectations of larger revenues.

Among those in attendance at the convention are Percival S. Hill, president of the American Tobacco Company; Charles J. Eisenlohr, president of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company; G. H. Hummel, vice president of the P. Lorillard Company; Edward Wise, head of the United Cigar Stores Company; Charles J. Elmer, president of Otto Eisenlohr & Bro.; and Fred B. Griffin, of the American Sumatra Company.

The Washington reception committee includes: F. W. Pluege, chairman; L. E. Hecht, secretary; Henry T. Henderson, John Loughran, Henry T. Offenderinger and W. J. Staub.

The afternoon session of the convention was devoted to committee meetings. A banquet will be held at the Willard Hotel for the 400 delegates tonight.

MRS. STODDARD TO FORM NEW D. C. WRITERS' CLUB

Will Seek Out "True Literary
Merit"—Explains Attitude
Concerning Penwomen.

Mrs. Florence Jackson Stoddard, who is elected president of the American Penwomen was reversed last night in favor of Mrs. William Atherton DuPuy, announced today that she would form a new organization of writing men and women, and which has not been maintained by the league in the past few years.

Mrs. Stoddard denied a report that she would withdraw from the League of American Penwomen.

"I shall remain in the league and do all I can to help make it what it should be," said Mrs. Stoddard. "I believe the members of the new election last night, although I had legal advice assuring me of the regularity of my election. The reason I did so was that I did not wish to throw the members of the league out of the league, a number of my supporters had left town, and I was defeated by exactly the number of those who left."

"My new organization will be along the lines of the Writers' Club of London. Instead of making the aims social and financial, it will seek out true literary merit. There is no reason why Washington should not be the literary center of the world, and we intend to make it so."

BOY HURT BY HORSE.

While playing at Fifteenth and Gales streets northeast, yesterday afternoon, George Marshall, aged ten, of 629 Benning road near West, was run over by a horse. Joseph Barnes, of 107 Sixteenth street northeast, was driving.

The boy's ribs were fractured, and is in a critical condition at Casualty Hospital today. "Barnes has been arrested and is being held at the Ninth precinct.

BISHOP NASH TO OPEN INTER-RACIAL MEETINGS

Bishop C. W. Nash of Baltimore is announced as the speaker for the opening meeting of the Inter-Racial Congress, Monday evening, in the Metropolitan Colored Baptist Church, N. Street, between the Ninth and Tenth streets. The sessions will be continued until May 31.

D. C. FINANCES STILL HUNG UP

Senate Waits for House Move.
May Have to Continue
Present Appropriations.

Not a single move has yet been made to bridge the breach between the House and Senate on the District appropriation bill.

Overtures are awaited from the House for a further conference. The dignity of the Senate conference was ruffled somewhat by the truculence of the House committee when it announced that it was to make a final "death guard" stand for the elimination of the half-and-half fiscal system from the measure.

Senator Curtis will let matters rest as they are, and Congressman Davis says he does not intend to "request" the Senate conference to meet with the House group again, because he thinks the initiative should come from them, as they are taking what he calls an arbitrary action in striking out without a vote a provision on which the House was formally placed on record.

There is danger of a real deadlock this session. Congress will recess early in June and is "speeding up" its work now so that a number of appropriation bills, including the sundry civil appropriation measure, will be passed within the next two weeks. The indications are that the District bill is going to be caught in the jam and that a resolution continuing the present appropriations will be necessary to keep the city going after July 1, when the fiscal year opens.

It is possible an agreement may be reached by which the Senate District Committee will agree to report the Mapes bill, eliminating the half-and-half, and thus taking the question out of the appropriation bill.

CHRISTIAN MISSION SOCIETY IN SESSION

Delegates From Maryland, Delaware, and District Meet
In City.

The Christian Missionary Society of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia, which is the organization of the Disciples of Christ in this territory, is holding its thirty-third annual convention at the Ninth Street Christian Church, Ninth and D streets northeast. Reports presented this morning showed a constituency of fifty-three congregations, with a membership of more than 10,000, and that during the past year they had contributed \$165,000 and received 1,341 new members.

President B. H. Melton, of Baltimore, presided. Officers reporting were J. A. Scott, recording secretary; James M. Pickens, treasurer; Arthur G. Bishop, treasurer of committee on education; Rev. E. B. Bagby, superintendent of evangelism; and Rev. Henry F. Lutz, secretary of evangelism.

The Interchurch World Movement campaign, which is not yet completed, subscriptions so far reported by Disciples churches in the Washington area amounted to \$134,000, in the Hagerstown district to \$39,640, and in the Baltimore district to \$38,300, a total of \$212,281. The board of officers recommended that all congregations that had not yet taken the canvass proceed to do so as soon as possible.

This afternoon the women's missionary session is being held, with addresses by Miss Edna Nunn, of Richmond; Mrs. E. K. Paine, of Baltimore; and C. M. Yocum, of Cincinnati, representing the United Christian Missionary Society.

WIDOW GIVEN \$20,000 FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH

Mrs. Emma G. Callahan Wins Suit
Against Washington Terminal
Company.

A jury in Justice Sillison's court today awarded a verdict for \$20,000 to Mrs. Emma G. Callahan in her suit against the Washington Terminal Company for the death of her husband, Hugh R. Callahan, an employee of the company, October 25, 1917, at Union Station.

The husband was employed as switch inspector. While in the discharge of his duties at the station he was struck by a locomotive and killed. He was thirty-four years old.

The verdict is said to be the largest ever awarded in the District on account of a death claim. The widow brought suit under the employer's liability act.

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